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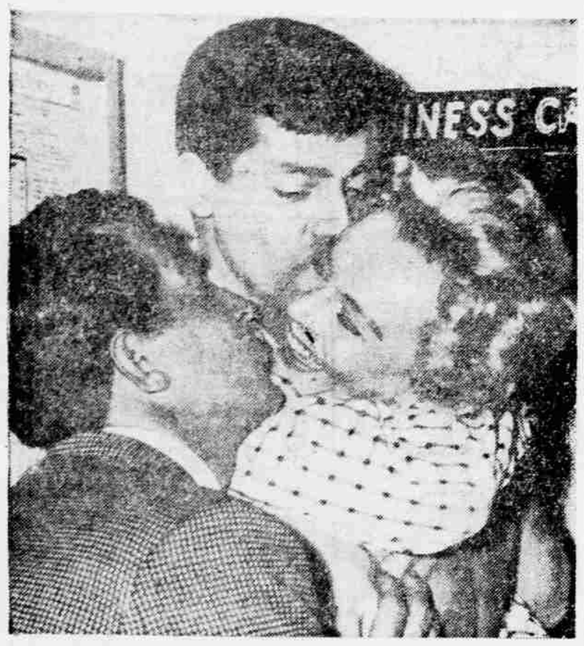

ONCE IS USUALLY ENOUGH—Eva Gabor, of the fabulous sisters, gets a taste of what it will be like working with these two zany comedians, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis, as they welcome her to the set in Hollywood. The boys never have the same leading lady twice, mainly because once is all the girls can take. Eva says she hopes to be the exception.

Around Hollywood

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(Editor's Note: The last of a twa-part series on one of Hollywood's most unusual stars, Jennifer Jones.)

Hollywood —(U.P.)— Jennifer Jones was an overnight failure in her debut on Broadway last December, and today she described the experience as "The real failure of my life."

The one-time brilliant career of the actres, originally masterminded by her producer-husband, David O. Selznick, has been quiet in recent years. Her last two films, "Beat the Devil" and "Indescretion of an American Wife", were unusual, artistic triumphs but not general hits, possibly because of lukewarm promotion. Three months ago she starred on Broadway in "Portrait of a Lady," a costume opus that folded after four days.

"It was a personal failure," she admitted honestly. "But I learned from it.

Great Experience

"All my life I've wanted to work in the theater. Yes, the failure was disappointing. I would call it the real failure of my life, as far as work is concerned, but it was also the great experience of my life.

"I learned a lot. I have no regrets. At least I did the play, and the work was satisfying. I learned what I didn't know.

"It made me realize what this film business means to me. I enjoy it even more now. And the failure did not destroy my dreams of working in the theater. I hope to go back. Everyone has ups and downs in this business," she said with a smile.

"You know, you can go about a bit smugly here, working in pictures, in spite of not knowing anything. I learned more about people from working in that play, and I learned something about myself."

The actress also took a year off the screen to have a baby, which made her give up a scheduled role in "The Country Girl." Grace Kelly, her replacement, won an Oscar nomination. Jennifer added, "As it turned out I wished I could have done it, but, of course, the baby was worth it."

She now is working in Hollywood for the first time in three years, in "A Many Splendored Thing," which may zoom her back to the limelight. She portrays a half-Chinese girl who falls in love with a married man, William Holden. Today on the set she looked properly Oriental in a black wig and clinging Chinese dress slashed up the side.

What is she like?

Some of her coworkers say she is aloof on the set, yet on the screen Jennifer Jones remains a top actress with a mobile, interesting face that contracts with the wallpaper expressions of some film queens. She usually withdraws from the press ("I'm not very good at interviews") yet I found her honest, talkative and gracious.

When I asked her how many Oscar nominations she has collected, she shrugged, "I really don't know." She never saw herself on the screen until three years ago. She was forced by friends to sit down and look at her 10 years' output. Friends call her "insecure, and so concerned about her appearance and herself—once she took up yoga."

"No, I'm not shy," she laughed. "To be in the business you have to have basic self-confidence. Just call me eccentric."

Santiago, Chile — (U.P.) — The United States begins paying 36 cents a pound for Chilean copper Tuesday. This is an increase of three cents a pound.

Illnesses Fewer Last Week; Measles Lead

The number of communicable diseases reported to the county health department dropped to 59 last week.

For the first time in a number of weeks, chicken pox did not lead the list in numbers. It was displaced by measles, of which 17 cases were reported. There were 15 cases of chicken pox.

Other disease cases listed included seven of influenza, all in Medford, two of strep throat, both in Ashland, four of pneumonia, three of scarlet fever and one of trench mouth.

Lufthansa Hires U.S. Pilots For Ocean Run

Cologne, Germany—(U.P.)—The revived Deutsche Lufthansa Airline announced yesterday it has hired 11 American chief pilots for the first year of its trans-Atlantic service under an agreement with Transworld Airlines.

The West German line will begin commercial services inside Germany Friday, the first German airlines operation in 10 years. Trans-Atlantic service from Hamburg to New York begins June 6.

Questions Resumed In Commies' Trial

Denver —(U.P.)— The government has resumed questioning of its first witness, former high ranking Communist party disciplinarian John E. Lautner, in the conspiracy trial of seven western Communists.

The defense blocked an attempt by government attorneys to draw Lautner out regardng his contacts with Communists in Canada. But he was allowed to relate his duties and name more than a dozen top American Communists he dealt with during the post-war years.

Several persons he named are listed as co-conspirators with the seven Reds on trial, and some already have been convicted under the Smith Act.

Lautner said that from September, 1948, to January, 1950, when he was expelled by the Communists, he served on the National Review Commission. The commission was the party's disciplinary arm, Lautner said, and concentrated on preventing infiltration of party ranks by enemy agents.

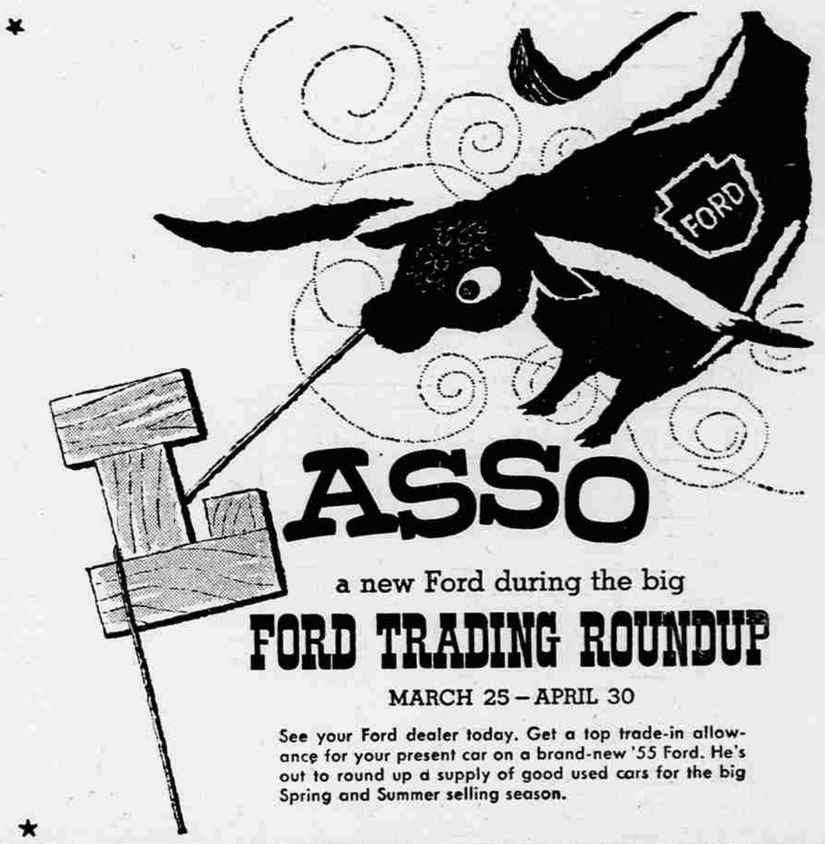
The defense argued futilely that Judge Jean Breitenstein should not let Lautner testify, since he was expelled from the party before the alleged conspiracies of the seven now on trial took place.

Threat of Meat Strike Vanishes at Portland

Portland — (U.P.) — Portland's threatened meat strike vanished this week as 800 local meatcutters accepted an employers offer tying a raise of $1 per week to health-and-welfare benefits worth $2.

This offer was accepted by union members over an alternate plan offering a flat $3-dollar-per-week raise. The offer is retroactive to March 16.

The agreement also provides for a boost in pay for heat meatcutters to $7.50 a week above the journeyman's scale. This is an increase of $2.50 a week. It also provides that women meat wrappers will reach top experience classification in seven months instead of ten. Present scale for journeymen meatcutters is $86.50 a week.



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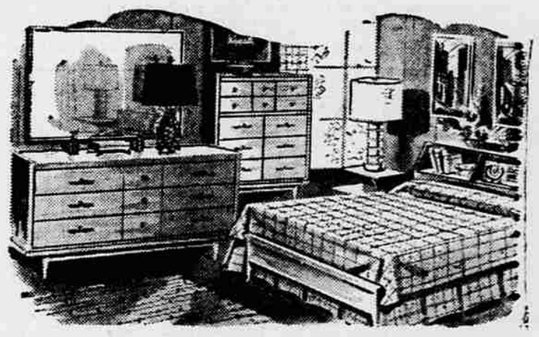

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